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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL FOR SEPTEMBER
20 PERMREPS, MEETING. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED.

2. RE YOUR PARA 7(A), DOCUMENTATION FOR PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETINGS
OF PERMREPS IN JANUARY WOULD CONSIST MAINLY OF DRAFT PROVISIONAL
AGENDA AND ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION SESSION AND DRAFT
REVISIONS OF WORK PROGRAM RECOMMENDED BY SECTORAL CONFERENCES.
PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 29TH SESSION WAS ISSUED BY SECRETARIAT
21 DECEMBER 1972 AND PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA ON 14 FEBRUARY,
WHICH WAS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AFTER CONCLUSION OF LAST COMMITTEE
SESSION. IF AS PROPOSED, SECTORAL CONFERENCES COMPLETE THEIR WORK
BY MID-DECEMBER AND COMMISSION AGENDA IS SHORTENED AND SIMPLIFIED
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BY BEING LIMITED TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS BROUGHT

FORWARD BY CONFERENCES, SECRETARIAT BURDEN SHOULD BE LIGHTER, NOT HEAVIER, AND TIMING SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

3. SIMILARLY, SECRETARIAT HAS IN PAST ISSUED SECTIONS OF DRAFT WORK PROGRAMS, INCORPORATING PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS, WELL IN ADVANCE OF SESSIONS OF PERTINENT COMMITTEES. A CONSOLIDATED DRAFT WORK PROGRAM WAS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 1973 SHORTLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF I&NR COMMITTEE SESSION. WE NOW PROPOSE THAT THE SECRETARIAT PRESENT TO CONFERENCES AND TO THE COMMISSION ONLY THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS OF W/P AND DEFER ISSUING A NEW CONSOLIDATED W/P UNTIL AMENDMENTS ARE APPROVED BY COMMISSION. THIS NOT ONLY MAKES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MORE VISIBLE 75 7?-STANTIALY REDUCES TYPING AND REPRODUCTION LOAD SINCE THE CUSTOMARY DOCUMENT (RUNNING TO ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO TYPED PAGES THIS YEAR) NEEDS TO BE PRODUCED ONLY ONCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

4. AD HOC MEETINGS OF PERMREPS COMMITTEE, IF HELD, WOULD DEAL WITH LIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ISSUES ON WHICH PERMREPS LIKELY TO BE WELL-INFORMED. NEED FOR DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE MINIMAL.

5. RE YOUR PARA 7(C), PROPOSED CONFERENCES WOULD CORRESPOND CLOSELY TO EXISTING SECRETARIAT STRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD NOT NEED TO BE AUGMENTED FOR THIS PURPOSE (DIVISION ON ENVIRONMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED AND FILLS LAST GAP.) WE ANTICIPATE SIX TO EIGHT SESSIONS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES EACH YEAR, COMPARED TO PRESENT TWELVE TO FIFTEEN. SHARPER FOCUS ON ESSENTIAL PROJECTS AND DISCONTINUATION OF PAST PRACTICE OF RUNNING THE GAMUT OF ALL CONCEIVABLE ACTIVITIES IN EACH SUB-COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION SESSION SHOULD MEASURABLY REDUCE NEED FOR DOCUMENTATION AND NEED (OR PRACTICE) OF ENGAGING CONSULTANTS TO PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS.

WE FULLY AGREE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OR CONFERENCE MUST BE COORDINATED WITH FAO. FORTUNATELY, FAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK IS UNDER DIRECTION OF CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, D. L. UMALI, WHOM PERMREPS INTEND TO CONSULT.

7. RE YOUR PARAGRAPH 7(D), NEW ZEALAND PERMREP IS PREPARING DETAILED PROPOSAL ALONG THE LINES OF ENCLOSURE EIGHT OF OUR A-234. EXPECT THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS IN SEPTEMBER 20-22 MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL NEED TO REFER MATTER TO GOVERNMENTS AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STATE FINAL POSITION UNTIL SUBSEQUENT MEETING.

8. AGREE YOUR PARAGRAPH 7(E).

9. RE WORK PROGRAM, APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT CPC RECOMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNIZE NEED TO CONFORM TO UN PATTERN. WITHIN THESE CONSTRAINTS WE HOPE TO REDUCE OBFUSCATING VERBIAGE AND ACHIEVE

MORE MEANINGFUL USE OF PRIORITY INDICATORS.

10. RE YOUR PARAGRAPH 7(H), AGREE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT BELIEVE THAT
PERMREPS SHOULD DEFER TO NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO BRING ABOUT
NECESSARY REFORMS AND REORGANIZATION WITHIN SECRETARIAT.
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